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Indian Navy Clashes With Troops

TROOPS FIRE ON CAIRO MOB

CAIRO, FEB. 21. BRITISH TROOPS AT THE KASR EL NIL BARRACKS IN CAIRO THIS AFTERNOON FIRED ON A HUGE CROWD OF DEMONSTRATORS TRYING TO FORCE THEIR WAY INSIDE.

Huge crowds stormed the streets of Cairo, dislocating traffic.

Outside the King's residence, the demonstrators shouted expressions of loyalty to the King and such slogans as "Out with the British."

Thousands also demonstrated outside the city, demanding the withdrawal of British troops.

Associated Press adds that crowds in Alexandria beat several Europeans in the streets, wounding some.

The demonstrators seized a tram standing near the Sporting Club a few miles east of Alexandria and forced the driver to take them into the town.

The despatch added that anti-British slogans had been chanted on walls all over the city.

Student and labour union leaders today called for a general strike in the principal cities of Egypt as a demonstration of the nation's solidarity behind the demands for the evacuation of British forces from the entire Nile Valley.

Strike leaders said they expected peaceful demonstrations at universities and schools and the closing of all shops and establishments.—Associated Press.

MURDER ORGY IN BURMA VILLAGE

AN ORGY OF BAYONETTING, SHOOTING AND THROAT CUTTING OF DEFENCELESS CIVILIANS IN KALAGAN VILLAGE, SOUTH BURMA, ARE FURTHER DETAILS OF SADISM DISCLOSED BY BURMA COMMAND H.Q. IN CONNECTION WITH BURMA'S FIRST WAR CRIMINAL TRIAL WHICH IS TO BE HELD SHORTLY IN THE CITY HALL, RANGOON.

SHOWDOWN IN INDIA

New York, Feb. 21. Hinting at "a bloody showdown" before long in India, the current issue of the Liberal weekly "Nation" said in its leading editorial:

"The spectre of famine looms more and more menacingly over the country, added to the already tense political situation, may serve to produce a nationwide explosion."

The editorial held that "the British endorsement of Pakistan as a separate Moslem State would be bitterly opposed by the Indian National Congress," adding:

"This issue has blocked all the efforts of the Viceroy, Lord Wavell, to organize a representative government and it seems likely to block his new proposal for a national administration, including both Congress and Moslem League leaders to come with the food crisis. Out of its golden flask, British Imperialism has raised a devil which it can neither subdue nor appease."—Associated Press.

MORE GUINEA-PIGS

Washington, Feb. 21. The atomic bomb test force has added six hogs to its target and it was disclosed that 92 vessels ranging from transports to floating drydocks will be tied to the service project.

The increase in the target fleet is accounted for mainly in amphibious craft and small-moored tugboats. No additions have been made to the original list of combatant ships.—Associated Press.

Firing At Bombay Naval Barracks

BOMBAY, FEB. 21. FIRING BROKE OUT IN THE NAVAL BARRACKS IN THE HEART OF BOMBAY AS STRIKING SEAMEN OF THE ROYAL INDIAN NAVY ARMED THEMSELVES AND WERE FIRED ON BY UNITS OF THE INDIAN ARMY.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAID THE SOLDIERS FIRED ON THE SEAMEN WHEN SOME ATTEMPTED TO RUSH OUT OF THE BARRACKS IN DEFIANCE OF THE ORDER FORBIDDING THEM TO APPEAR ON THE STREETS.

Crowds of civilians attracted by the sound of rifle fire gathered in adjacent streets and police rifle squads were assigned to strategic points.

Indian soldiers in full battle kits with fixed bayonets surrounded the barracks, crouching behind trucks, pillars and other cover.

There was no gunfire from the outside of the buildings, however, and some soldiers said they believed the shooting inside the barracks was merely intended by the seamen as a warning that they were armed.

Meanwhile, violence flared in other parts of the city as crowds of demonstrators began attacking taxi-cabs with sticks and stones and compelling passengers to get out and walk.

Occasional bursts of flame throwing occurred in the streets near Bombay's town hall.

STRIKE SPREADS. Authorities of the Royal Indian Navy today ordered all men to return to their ships or shore establishments and Indian troops began arresting seamen who disobeyed following demonstrations.

An Indian leader said, against alleged racial colour discrimination in the naval service.

A Renter despatch reported the spread of the naval strike to a shore base 20 miles north of Bombay.

British Army Headquarters issued a statement saying it received reports that small arms fire from some of the Indian vessels had been directed against the dockyard. Gunfire was also heard from the Royal Naval Barracks half a mile from the dockyard.

A Renter's despatch said that one person was killed and 14 injured at Karachi when the military police opened fire on a launch carrying a group of striking seamen attempting to leave a ship. The seamen were said to have retained a live fire from two naval guns aboard the vessel.—Associated Press.

M.P.'S OPEN FIRE. Bombay, Feb. 21. While a miniature battle was going on inside the Castle Barracks today, Indian ratings at other Bombay naval establishments were reported quiet.

All roads leading to the battle zone have now been barred by the Police.

At Karachi, where the strike spread yesterday, today's clash developed after the military police had opened fire on the strikers. One person was killed and nine injured.

Troops were called out to guard all approaches to Karachi Harbour. More than 1,500 Indian naval ratings from three shore establishments struck work this morning and some hundreds of them demonstrated on the road leading into Karachi.—Renter.

U.S. Flag Burned. Bombay, Feb. 21. United States Consul-General Howard Donovan yesterday announced receipt of a note from Rear-Admiral A.R. Rattray, Royal Indian Naval Commander in Bombay, expressing regret over the burning of an American flag during demonstrations by Indian naval seamen.

Donovan said Rattray advised he was having a new flag made to replace the old one which demonstrators hauled down from the United States Information Office.—Associated Press.

BRITISH WHEAT. London, Feb. 21. Lord Addison, Dominions Secretary, stated in the House of Commons tonight that there was no need whatever for any alarm over the British wheat stocks.

They were quite satisfactory and there was no likelihood of bread rationing.—Renter.

HARDENING CHINESE POLICY?

SAN FRANCISCO, FEB. 21. WHEN TROOPS BEGIN TO MOVE IN OHANA IT USUALLY MEANS MAJOR DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED AND A POLICY LAID DOWN.

TROOPS ARE MOVING IN CHINA WITH AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION HELP.

The new first army is reported moving north by ship from Kowloon and General Marshall has apparently approved the movement of additional Chinese armies into Manchuria.

That approval is apparently the backbone of what looks like a firmer Chinese policy toward Russia.

These and other recent events suggest that after six months of almost complete official silence on Russia the Chinese are opening up.

The Chinese press lambasted the Yalta agreement, and the Manchurian Guild in Chungking was allowed to demonstrate openly against unconfirmed reports that Russia was going beyond her special rights.

It is probable that fresh American support has enabled the Chinese to see their way toward a firmer policy toward Russia.—Associated Press.

JURIST DEAD. Helsinki, Feb. 21. Erich Rafael Waldemar, 67, Finland's Prime Minister during 1920-21 and former Finnish delegate to the International Court at The Hague, died yesterday.—Associated Press.

Retired General Tells Them

WASHINGTON, FEB. 21. RETIRED BRIGADIER-GENERAL H. C. HOLDRIDGE DESCRIBED THE ARMY AS AN "UN-DEMOCRATIC AND UN-AMERICAN FEUDALISTIC ORGANISATION CARRIED OVER INTO THE ATOMIC AGE."

APPEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING PROPOSAL, HOLDRIDGE ASSERTED THAT THE ARMY IS "TRYING TO RAILROAD THIS LEGISLATION THROUGH ON A WAVE OF POST-WAR HYSTERIA."

He asserted: "The Army's most prominent characteristic is a medieval caste system which sets up unsurmountable barriers between officer aristocracy and enlisted man."

Its judicial system is "not a system of justice at all but a system of military discipline and punishment carried over from the days of Gustavus Adolphus by way of the British Army."

"The Army's leadership is class-conscious, ultra-conservative and absolutist" and the Army itself offers an "excellent breeding ground for totalitarianism."

Representing the Veterans League of America, Holdridge proposed the reorganization of the Army including the elimination of the "sadistic, degrading, sophomoric plebe" system and caste system at West Point, and "pay schedules attractive enough to offer a career to those individuals recruited from military corps."

Holdridge graduated from West Point in 1917 serving in the Army of occupation in Germany and later in the Philippines. He said that he retired in 1944 because of service-incurred injury.—Associated Press.

SOLDIERS' DOGS. New York, Feb. 21. Almost 1,000 dogs have been brought to America from Europe to rejoin redeployed veterans, the army said yesterday.

The army cooperated with a private company to bring the pets here for their G.I. masters who left them in Europe.

Each veteran pays about \$75 to get his animal back. Dog reception centres have been established at the main ports of embarkation.—Associated Press.

Duke Robbed

Oxfordshire, Feb. 21. The Duke of Norfolk, first Peer of the Realm, and the Duchess, have been robbed of jewels valued at £10,000 by burglars who entered the Duke's bedroom through the window, the police reported today.—Associated Press.

Fired For Watching Football

ILFORD, FEB. 21. SEVEN MEN, WHO WERE DISMISSED BY HENRY HUGHES & SONS LIMITED, INSTRUMENT MAKERS OF ILFORD, BECAUSE THEY WENT TO A MID-WEEK FOOTBALL MATCH A FORT-NIGHT AGO, ARE TO BE REINSTATED WITH FULL PAY FROM THE DATE OF THEIR DISCHARGE.

Their case was argued before the Ministry of Labour Court of Appeal at Ilford by Mr. H. Lovell, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, who said it was regarded as a test case.

After the hearing Mr. Lovell said: "The charge of misconduct has not been upheld."

Mr. W. Gardner, Works Manager of the firm, said: "I suggested to the court that I should take the men back. A number of men wanted to go to this match. Some asked if they could go and we said 'No'. We should have lost about 200 men that afternoon."

One of the men said: "We were given no warning by the management. If there had been one, we should have observed it."—Renter.

Not for Export. Those persons not holding rice registration cards may purchase their supplies from the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Deposits at Lower Albert Road, East Point and Kowloon. Any such persons who desire to obtain sugar are required to register with the Dairy Farm. This should be done by firms and organizations submitting to the Dairy Farm a list of their personnel, together with the total number in the household not holding rice cards.

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ADMINISTRATION'S APPEAL. When distribution to retailers and others is complete, the price at which the sugar will be sold, and also the date from which the first monthly ration can be obtained will be announced in the press.

The Administration wishes it to be made known that this sugar has been imported to enable the public to purchase reasonable quantities of rationed sugar at a controlled price. The co-operation of the public is earnestly requested to ensure that the Administration's object is not defeated.

R.A.F. Station Blown Up. Jerusalem, Feb. 21. Two British R.A.F. non-commissioned officers were seriously injured and six other aircrewmen suffered minor injuries when a group of armed men blew up an R.A.F. radar station on Mount Carmel in Haifa.

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Govt. Release Of Sugar

SUPPLIES OF SUGAR WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IMPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA BY THE ADMINISTRATION WILL WITHIN THE NEXT FORT-NIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC AT A CONTROLLED PRICE. THE PRICE AT WHICH THIS SUGAR WILL BE SOLD WILL BE NOTIFIED LATER.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES THAT SALES FOR DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION WILL BE LIMITED TO 1-1/4 LBS. PER PERSON PER MONTH AND THAT SUGAR WILL IN DUE COURSE BE OBTAINABLE UNDER THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS.

To cater for the needs of those members of the public who hold rice registration cards, the Administration has approved sugar retailers. One sugar retailer has been appointed to cover two, in some cases three, rice districts, and holders of rice registration cards should now present themselves, together with their rice cards, at the appropriate sugar retailer for their district for registration for sugar supplies.

When registration has been completed and stocks have been distributed to retailers, the public will be able to obtain monthly quantities to which they are entitled on presentation of their rice cards and containers to the sugar retailer with whom they have registered.

Civil Affairs and Essential Service personnel holding special rice cards will be able to purchase their supplies from their own service unit. Such Service Units will obtain their supplies from the Asia Co., 53-55, Des Voeux Road, C.

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POLICE OPEN FIRE IN KOWLOON

SHANGHAI STREET, NOTORIOUS HAUNT OF THE COLONY'S CHARACTERS, WAS THE SCENE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SERIES OF RIOTS LAST NIGHT WHICH CULMINATED IN THE POLICE BEING FORCED TO OPEN FIRE. AFTER WARNING SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED.

The rioting started between rival groups of Chinese from the Chiu Chai District of Fukien (near Swatow) and Cantonese outside the Kung Yau tea-house, at 84, Shanghai Street.

Before the affair was finally settled several policemen were injured by the mob, who were armed with a variety of missiles, while two Chinese were wounded. In the course of the riots the tea-house was completely smashed.

An R.A.F. patrol tried to settle the dispute, which broke out at 8 o'clock, and was attacked by the crowd armed with bamboo, iron bars and bricks. The crowd was dispersed but formed again an hour later, when about 300 persons milled around the tea-house, opposite the Kung Chung Market.

Police were now on the scene and fired warning shots in the air when the crowd started them. At 9.30 police reinforcements arrived and as the mob violence increased the police were forced to fire in self-defence.

Two of the rioters were injured and were taken to Kwong Wah Hospital. The crowd dispersed but gathered again at 10.15, only to be dispersed. Several policemen were slightly injured.

Unconfirmed reports early this morning stated that one rioter was killed and five wounded. Two arrests were made.

Either Hanging Or A Medal. Yokohama, Feb. 21. The plea that the Military Commission either order the Japanese defendant to be hanged or award him a medal was voiced by the prosecution in closing arguments of the war crimes trial of Captain Shikoru Anna, Chief Medical Officer at the Hakodadi main prisoner-of-war camp.

"This is unique," said Lieut. Charles D. Kane, prosecuting attorney, "in that affidavits and testimony of the prosecution are met head-on by testimony of the accused. If the Commission believes the testimony of Captain Anna is true then he should be given a medal."

The defence claimed the affidavits left a reasonable doubt. The verdict will be announced tomorrow. Anna is charged with contributing to the deaths of Allied prisoners by neglect and failure to supply medical care while he was medical officer at the camp.—Associated Press.

The Weather. To-day's forecast: Generally cloudy, with a little rain or drizzle. Chance of fair periods later.

Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum: — 76 degrees at 3 p.m. Minimum: — 62 degrees at 7 a.m.

Los Angeles, Feb. 21. United States Judge Paul McCormick yesterday ruled that segregation of Mexican children in school districts violates their constitutional guarantee of equal rights.—Associated Press.

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INDIA'S FUTURE

It might well be thought that something valuable has been achieved when action taken by the British Government is greeted in India with near enthusiasm. It would seem to indicate more favourable chances of successful endeavours by the Cabinet Mission announced by the Secretary of State to break the present political impasse. Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Mr. A. V. Alexander and Sir Stafford Cripps are the members of the Mission. The views of all three on the question of self-government for India are well-known, while Indian leaders hold Sir Stafford Cripps particularly in the highest esteem. As the President of the Congress Party, Dr. Azad, said yesterday: "Whatever may be the judgment on the shortcomings of the Cripps Offer, the fact that it was made is a great step forward. It is a sign of the fact that the British Government is now ready to meet India on a common ground of understanding between themselves. The failure of the Simla Conference made it paramountly clear that the solution lies in India and not in the Houses of Parliament. The British Government cannot impose a settlement on the Muslim League and Congress Party, any more than the British Government can impose on the prerogative of Indians to draft their own constitution. It will be the task of the Cabinet Mission chiefly, therefore, to get Mr. Jinnah and Dr. Azad or Mr. Gandhi or Pandit Nehru, or any or all of them, to create the conditions for the setting up of a constituent assembly. It is fairly certain that if any procedure can be devised which meets with the approval and consent of India's party leaders, it will receive the speedy endorsement of Britain. As yet, of course, India generally has not the slightest conception of the amount of work entailed or of the number of problems that will present themselves in drafting the new constitution. The work of the Round-Table Conference, which was spread over three years, was far less complicated and beset with obstacles. And Britain's patience has for so long been exercised in awaiting a sign that India is ready to get started upon it."

GOLD MARKET

Chinese national currency opened yesterday at HK\$3.17 to CN\$1,000 for futures and \$3.55 for spot transactions, and weakened to \$3.12 and \$3.52 respectively at the close. Gold also had a quiet day. Opening at \$629 per tael, it fluctuated within narrow limits and closed at \$631. U.S. dollars remained steady at \$5.90, but both English Sterling and Australian pounds have declined, with buyers now offering only \$17.50 and \$12.50 respectively.

San Francisco, Feb. 21. The War Assets Corporation has sold some 600 miles of pipe made from the invasion of Japan to three western companies who are to use it for the construction of a pipeline to market it in the western States. — Associated Press

Chinese First Army Leaving H.K.

THOUSANDS OF WELL-EQUIPPED TROOPS OF THE CHINESE NEW FIRST ARMY, VETERANS OF THE BURMA CAMPAIGN, ARE MARCHING DAILY THROUGH KOWLOON'S STREETS AND BEING LOADED ON AMERICAN SHIPS FOR THE TRIP TO CHINWANGTAO AS NORTH CHINA OR MANCHURIA REINFORCEMENTS.

HALF A DOZEN SHIPS WERE EN ROUTE PRIOR TO YESTERDAY AND FOUR MORE LEFT LAST NIGHT. THE MOVEMENT IS IN L.S.T.'S (LANDING SHIP, TANKS) WHICH WERE BUILT DURING THE WAR FOR CARRYING MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT AND TROOPS TO BEACH LANDINGS.

The tank deck, where most of the supplies, equipment and troops are carried, is a big barn-like expanse. If the ship is not taking vehicles, the troops are about 1,800, which is about 200 less than the number of Japanese that were provided into some of these same ships for repatriation from China to Japan.

The Chinese troops are crowded into the big compartment, with most of them sprawling or sitting on their backs or on the floor.

Ships carrying vehicles, have two sides of jeeps and trucks jammed side by side into the big tank deck. Some L.S.T.'s are scheduled to be converted into "floating barracks" for the shipment of approximately 6,000 horses, one navy officer said. It will not be a new job for the L.S.T.'s; they carried horses north from Shanghai, too.

WELL-EQUIPPED This is one of China's proudest armies. It is well-equipped, with heavy weapons along for the northern climate. It has heavy firepower in artillery, mortars and machine-guns and more than 2,000 vehicles, mostly jeeps and trucks.

The troops are equipped with improvised big kettles for cooking the rice which will be the main diet during their voyage. One navy officer said that on normal facilities in one of the ships' galleys it would require eight hours just to cook the rice needed for one meal on the ship.

It won't be a pleasant trip for the Chinese troops. Experienced hands may find the waters along the coast are invariably rough and an L.S.T. is one of the worst in the navy for bobbing and rolling violently.

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DISABLED SHIP ARRIVES

The s.s. Sanwater, with the s.s. Empira Ouse in tow, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday.

The Empira Ouse, with a consignment of wheat for Bombay on board, lost her bow and the Sanwater went to her aid.

The s.s. Menelaus with a cargo of native products for Singapore and a consignment of cassia from Liverpool, sailed last evening.

The Keenella and Carlton are due in from Singapore tomorrow, while the Matiana is scheduled to sail for Singapore tomorrow.

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H.K. Treason Trials

The proper meaning in point of law of the words "war criminals" or "war crimes" were explained by Mr. M. A. de Silva, Crown Prosecutor in connection with the forthcoming trials of local collaborators, at a press conference yesterday afternoon.

He said that belligerents in a war are confined by certain laws and usages of war and any breach of them by any member of an enemy force constitutes a war crime.

On the other hand, a non-enemy offender, though committing the same offence, is termed a collaborator or, by the newly coined word, a "quiesling".

Mr. Silva said: "There has been a certain amount of confusion in the terminology used in newspaper reports of, or reference to, both the present trials of collaborators and the impending trials of war criminals, and it has been deemed advisable to clear up the point."

"War criminals or war crimes are referable to Japanese or enemy offenders in, or attached to, enemy forces who had committed offences against the laws and usages of war."

"The term is not applicable to non-Japanese who aided or collaborated with the Japanese in the prosecution of the war. The proper terms for these are collaborators, renegades or, to use the newly coined words bequeathed by the Norwegian No. 1, 'quiesling'."

Water Police Stokers Fined

Three Water Police stokers were found guilty in two charges by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. On the first charge, of extorting money from Wong Yung and Cheung Chiu and threatening to expose the latter as persons keeping an opium den, all three were fined \$250.

On the second charge, that they entered No. 912, Canton Road without a duly sworn search warrant and misappropriated themselves of stokers employed by the police, their convictions were registered.

The two complainants said that on Jan. 21 the three accused entered the premises in uniforms and said that they had a search warrant. The flat was ransacked and opium pipes and money were taken. Accused threatened to take the inmates to the Police Station if a sum of \$300 was not handed over. All pleaded not guilty. Inspector Sykes who was in charge of the prosecution, said that the Commission of Police took a very serious view of the offence.

Mr. W. H. Latimer replied that the case also took the same view of the case. The opium pipes were ordered to be confiscated.

Charge Of Murdering Mother

The first murder trial since the re-occupation of the Colony will open before the General Military Court, with Mr. Lee d'Almeida presiding, on Saturday, March 2, when a 27-year-old Chinese male, Lam Tim-cheung, will be charged with the alleged murder of his adopted mother.

The victim, Li Sze-kiu, 49, is alleged by the Crown to have been murdered at Kam Shan Village, New Territories, on January 12.

Mr. W. C. Hung, who has been assigned to the defence of the accused, applied for an adjournment yesterday, stating that he would like to have time to receive instructions.

East River Column Dispute Still Rages

CANTON, FEB. 21. WHILE THE "TRUCE" TEAM FOR THE KWANG-TUNG-KWANGSI REGION HAS GONE INTO THE FIELD AFTER THREE WEEKS IN CANTON, THE CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER ARMED FORCES OF THE EAST RIVER COLUMN SHOULD BE RECOGNISED AS COMMUNIST TROOPS UNDER THE "CEASE FIRE" ORDER CONTINUES.

AFTER A YENAN SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED AS ACCUSING GEN. CHIANG FA-KUEI OF FAILING TO ABIDE BY THE TRUCE TERMS BY CONTINUING ON THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE EAST RIVER FORCES, A CANTON MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID:

"The Military Headquarters here has not received any instructions from the central authorities, the Communist Party or Executive Headquarters saying there are Communist troops in Kwangtung. Nor was there any information concerning their strength and battle order."

"The only exception came from the Communist member of the field team, Major-General Fang Fang, who said there were Communist soldiers on the East River but could not state their strength and location. We are therefore bewildered."

"We do not deny the Reds led anti-Japanese guerrillas during the war, but they are not regular armed forces, for guerrillas are not recognised units and should be disbanded in time of peace, according to military regulations. If bandits and irregulars are considered as soldiers how could the country embark on rehabilitation?"

COMMUNIST STATEMENT

"There are over 200 Japanese fugitive soldiers as well as some bandits and disbanded puppet troops. Their actual conditions can be investigated."

The statement also came after the Kwangtung region committee of the Chinese Communists.

Widows Nabbed With Opium

Three cases of unlawful possession of raw opium were decided by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. Chief Revenue Officer Phillips prosecuting in all cases.

Li Nui, widow, was fined \$400 or two months' imprisonment for having four tael of raw opium in a basket of dried vegetables at the K.C.R. Station on Feb. 19.

At the same time and place, another widow, Ip Mui, was searched and eight tael of raw opium were found inside four jars of wrap. She was fined \$800 or two months'.

Two months' hard labour was imposed on Louie Sai for possessing 25 tael of raw opium inside his overcoat. He was arrested at the K.C.R. Station on the same day.

For the unlawful possession of 11 tins containing 40 1/2 gallons of gasoline, ten empty Jerry cans and a large funnel, Siu Kun, painter, was found guilty by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday and fined \$100.

Passengers must NOT board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation cards, which will be issued at assembly points.

REPATRIATION OFFICE.
 21st February, 1946.

Readers' Letters

PROSPERO'S PROPHECY

Sir,—Regarding Father Joy's jesuitical justification of the "occasional" use of the atomic bomb, which rather omitted the important consideration that no country openly admits being an aggressor, may I quote George Bernard Shaw on the same subject.

It seems to me to be a more commendable appraisal of the world situation. G.B.S. writes: "Now that we, the human race, have begun monkeying with the atom, may I point out one possible consequence that would end all our difficulties?"

"For some years past our too few professional astronomers have been reinforced by a body of amateurs whose main activity is the watching and study of the variable stars. They have been excited several times by the sudden flaming up of what they call a new star, though it is in fact an old star, too small and cool to be visible, which has suddenly burst and blown up, leaving nothing but a cloud of star dust called a nebula. The heat energy liberated in the explosion is beyond human apprehension."

"Apparently what has happened to these stars, and may happen to this earth of ours, is that the protons with their planetary electrons, and the heavier planetless neutrons of which their matter is composed, have combined, and produced a temperature at which the whole star has pulverized and evaporated, and its inhabitants, if any, have been cremated with an instantaneous thoroughness impossible at Golder's Green."

"What we have just succeeded in doing at enormous expense is making an ounce of uranium explode like the star. The process, no longer experimental, will certainly be cheapened; and at any moment heavier elements than uranium, as much more explosive than uranium as uranium than gunpowder, may be discovered."

"Finally, like the sorcerer's apprentice, we may practise our magic without knowing how to stop it, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Prospero. In view of our behaviour recently, I cannot pretend to depreciate such a possibility; but I think it is worth mentioning."

R.T.O.

CRITICS' FUNCTIONS

Sir,—The qualifications of a critic do not, necessarily, include ability in the art criticised; but rather, a comprehensive knowledge of the art and an appreciation of its various standards.

If we are to believe Mr. Wright's theories on what constitutes the qualifications of a critic, it would seem logical that all who wrote to you in the recent Sinatra-Crosby conflict should have proved their right to do so, by presenting testimonials to the fact that they could croon and induce swoons.

I am sure, if Mr. Wright's hypothesis were to be adopted, we should find extreme difficulty in obtaining critics of, for example, grand opera.

Ralph Hill would be no longer at liberty to criticise his beloved symphony, nor Edgar Jackson his jazz.

Possibly, Mr. Wright hoped to confound the opposition? I do not uphold the critical qualifications propounded by Mr. Wright, but I am willing to accept this challenge that my poetry should be judged by him, and by any other readers.

Mr. Wright "assumes" that I am familiar with Cambridgehire. I am, indeed. He mentions the village of Grantham, its church and the mill. These places are very dear to me.

I might add also that I have qualified many a pig in Granthamshire. "Red Lion". No doubt Mr. Wright is familiar with this house, and if in more peaceful times he noted a long-haired type wandering his way from the

Charge Of Murdering Mother

The first murder trial since the re-occupation of the Colony will open before the General Military Court, with Mr. Lee d'Almeida presiding, on Saturday, March 2, when a 27-year-old Chinese male, Lam Tim-cheung, will be charged with the alleged murder of his adopted mother.

The victim, Li Sze-kiu, 49, is alleged by the Crown to have been murdered at Kam Shan Village, New Territories, on January 12.

Mr. W. C. Hung, who has been assigned to the defence of the accused, applied for an adjournment yesterday, stating that he would like to have time to receive instructions.

The prosecution's case is in the charge of Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, Crown prosecutor.

Caine Road Hold-Up Echo

Two well-dressed Chinese, Chiu Tsang-yin and Cheung Tse-nai, who were alleged to have carried out a highway robbery at Caine Road on Tuesday evening, were brought before Mr. G. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

Second accused was also charged with unlawful possession of a .32 revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

It was alleged that accused used a motor car and robbed an office clerk and his lady friend of their money and jewels.

At the request of the prosecuting officer, Inspector R. MacKenzie, the case was adjourned until Feb. 25.

DR. SUN FO FETED

Chinese leaders and representatives of local organisations gathered at the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room last evening at a large dinner party in honour of Dr. Sun Fo.

Over 200 were present, and in a speech Dr. Sun stressed the necessity for national reconstruction through peace and democracy.

Earlier in the afternoon Dr. Sun Fo and his entourage had tea with Sir Robert Ho Tung at the latter's residence.

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CONSERVATIVE M.P.'s APPEAL

Return Of Three-Power Association

Motives Of Soviet Policy

LONDON, FEB. 21. DECLARING IT IMPERATIVE THAT BRITAIN DISCOVER WHETHER RUSSIA HAS MADE UP ITS MIND "TO DOMINATE THE WORLD," FORMER CONSERVATIVE CABINET MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN URGED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT "SOMETHING LIKE THE OLD CHURCHILL-STALIN ROOSEVELT ASSOCIATION BE RE-ESTABLISHED TO RECONCILE THE GREAT POWERS."

TRACING RUSSIAN DIPLOMATIC MOVES DURING RECENT WEEKS, MR. MACMILLAN DECLARED IN OPENING A FIVE-DAY DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS EXERTING PRESSURE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN "AGAINST WELL-RECOGNISED AND ESTABLISHED BRITISH INTERESTS."

JOURNALIST SUPPORTED

Seoul, Feb. 20. Lieut. General John R. Hodge said today in a formal statement that Richard Johnston, of the "New York Times," stands exonerated of the accusation by Secretary Pak Hui-chai, of the Korean Communist Party, that the correspondent had misquoted him.

Pak had formally requested Hodge to expel Johnston from the country. Johnston said that Pak, replying to a question on a Jan. 5 conference, said he did not object to a "single Russian trustee" in Korea, that he hoped for development of Korean democracy at the "Soviet socialist line," and that this might possibly lead to the incorporation of Korea into the Soviet Union at some future date. —Associated Press.

Reorganising China's Army

Nanking, Feb. 20. Lieut. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer to-day counselled Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his top generals to concentrate on "quality rather than quantity" in reorganising the Chinese Army.

He also emphasised the necessity for modernisation and the greater efficiency of the Army. Shortly after the United States commander in China had addressed the five hundred generals, the four-day military conference adjourned. —Associated Press.

Polish Army In Italy

London, Feb. 20. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons yesterday that every effort was being made to prevent members of General Anders' Polish army in Italy from taking any political action directed at Russia or an alliance with Fascist elements.

Replying to questions concerning such charges against the Polish Second Corps, Mr. Bevin said that Government was determined to prevent "conflict with the aims of British policy."

He added that recent manoeuvres held near Ancona, on the Yugoslav border by the Poles were "routine training exercises." —Associated Press.

T. V. ATTACKED

Chungking, Feb. 20. The "China Times" to-day attacked Premier T. V. Soong for concluding the Sino-Soviet treaty "sacrificing Manchuria" at a time when it was obvious the war against Japan could have been won without Russian help.

The paper accused Dr. Soong of knowing about the Yalta agreement to reward Russia at China's expense and said he had made the sacrifice in full knowledge they would be against the will of the Chinese people. —Associated Press.

ENVOY WITHDRAWN

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 20. Foreign Minister Joao de Figueiredo yesterday announced that Spain has agreed to withdraw the nomination of Eduardo Aizcorbe as Spanish Ambassador to Brazil.

The recent "Blue Book" published by the United States State Department accused Aizcorbe of being active in "transferring to Argentine German arms through Spain. Aizcorbe is en route to Rio de Janeiro. —Associated Press.

LORD HALIFAX'S APPEAL

CHICAGO, FEB. 21. THE EARL OF HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, TO-DAY SAID THE PROJECTED AMERICAN LOAN TO BRITAIN REPRESENTS AN EFFORT TO "SETTLE THE WHOLE ECONOMIC PATTERN OF THE FUTURE."

In an address before the Inland Daily Press Association, he said it would not be a loan of dollars but a credit to finance British purchase of American goods.

He said the future prosperity of the world depends largely on the free interchange at a stable rate of American and British currencies. He appealed for continued Anglo-American cooperation and made the following observations on Britain's foreign policy:

"India's failure to obtain self-government has been due more to disavowment among Indians than to British refusal to grant India freedom."

The Palestine situation must be settled with the concurrence of the world's Arab peoples or a bloody war is possible.

British troops in Indonesia were concerned only with disarming the Japanese and liberating prisoners of war and civilian internees as ordered by the Anglo-American Joint Chiefs-of-Staff.

The British are remaining in Greece for the purpose of providing a stabilising force while the Greeks choose a Government of their own in free elections. —Associated Press.

STRUGGLE FOR MANCHURIA

CHUNGKING, FEB. 20. CHINA'S INTERNAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNISTS HAS STARTED ANEW OVER THE QUESTION OF CONTROL IN RUSSIAN-OCCUPIED MANCHURIA.

Chou En-lai, the Communist truce negotiator, has flown to Party Headquarters at Yenan for discussions with his leader, Mao Tse-tung, while the Foreign Minister, Wang Shih-chieh, has been in protracted conference with Chiang Chung-kuo, the Generalissimo's elder son and special Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Manchuria, and Chang Kai-ngau, Chungking director of Economic Affairs in Manchuria.

Wang has just returned from Nanking where he is reported to have delivered to the Generalissimo Russia's reply to China's enquiry about Soviet plans for withdrawal from Manchuria.

The "Ho Ping-pao" mouthpiece of the Chinese army, to-day charged that the Communists were engaged in troop movements inside Manchuria violating the truce signed on January 10.

Semi-official Government dispatches reported that new clashes occurred between Nationalist and Communist troops, south-east of Tsinchuan, Paoting, important town on the Peiping-Hankow railroad. —Associated Press.

France Needs U.S. Loan

Cleveland, Feb. 20. The French Ambassador to the United States, M. Henri Bonnet, yesterday told an audience of the Council on World Affairs that France without outside help would require 15 years for economic recovery but that with adequate assistance could recover within three years. He said such outside help might take the form of a direct loan from the United States adding that France's needs "were certainly as great as Britain's." —Associated Press.

May Wheat

Chicago, Feb. 20. The Chicago Board of Trade stopped trading in May wheat except for the liquidating of outstanding contracts and said that the action was necessitated by the Government's new wheat conservation order.

The prohibition on making new commitments in May wheat futures will be effective at the opening of trading on Wednesday.

The directors also ordered that on Feb. 23 there be no trading in futures contracts in any commodity or security and that trading on that day on the Exchange floor be limited to cash grain and cash commodities only. —Associated Press.

SAHRIR IN E. JAVA

Batavia, Feb. 20. Premier Sutan Sjahrir, of the unrecognised Indonesian Republic, planned to be in East Java to-day to consult with Dr. Soekarno on the Dutch proposals to establish an Indonesian Commonwealth. Meanwhile the British military authorities announced that five Dutch soldiers were killed and others wounded in an Indonesian ambush west of Bandoeng on Saturday. —Associated Press.

General With Passion For Ice Cream

CHENG TU, FEB. 21. IF GENERAL CHANG CHUN BECOMES THE NEXT PREMIER OF CHINA HE WILL TAKE INTO OFFICE WITH HIM A LOVE FOR OUR FAVOURITE FOOD IN CHINA—ICE CREAM.

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General Chang holds three important jobs to-day—he is the Governor of the important Szechwan province, member three of the National Truce Committee with General Marshall and the Communist leader Chou En-lai, and one of the two Government representatives on the Army Reorganisation Committee to which General Marshall is adviser. Political observers pick him as the likely choice for Premier because he is the only government leader thus far who appears to be completely acceptable to the Chinese, Communists.

A classmate of General Chiang Kai-shek in the Japanese Military Academy, Chang has worked hand in hand with the head of China's Government for many years. He is long the "elder statesman" w. had a powerful voice in the Chinese Government and policies over years. It is no secret that he is not only one of the most trusted of the Generalissimo's Lieutenants but that he also has the confidence of political opponents.

While relaxing socially with friends Chang has a constant twinkle in his eyes for he enjoys telling jokes, especially in English. His English is more than adequate although he does not speak the language as well as his charming Chinese wife, graduate of a Shanghai school. During official functions he can be stiff and formal but in his home there is no hint that he is one of China's most powerful figures.

His Chengtu home in which the Governor and Madame Chang live has many occidental comforts—its interior is no different from many American homes. His cook is one of the best in the province and the Chinese meals served at his table are delicious.

PARTING GIFT Governor Chang never visited the United States but his son, Philip, graduated from Cornell University and his daughter, Alley Chang, now in Washington, with her

GAS EXPLOSION

New Orleans, Feb. 20. A police report stated to-day that two bodies have been recovered and four or five others are believed to be among the ruins of an apartment building which was wrecked yesterday by an explosion which it was indicated was due to gas accumulation.

Thirty-eight persons have been sent to hospital and 8 or 10 persons have been listed as missing but it is not known whether the missing were in the building at the time of the explosion. —Associated Press.

Yugoslav Trials

Belgrade, Feb. 20. The Tanjug news agency reported yesterday that Allied military authorities here have handed to the Yugoslav Government 18 suspected war criminals including three Nazi generals for trial before the People's Court. —Associated Press.

BERLIN MOSQUE REPAIRS

London, Feb. 20. Repairs to the Berlin Mosque have begun, and members of the Muslim community in Berlin, which was broken up during the collapse of Germany, are now returning, according to the American news service, in Germany. Friday services have been taking place for some time. —Reuters.

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DELEGATES DELAYED

New York, Feb. 20. The Pan-American World Airways announced yesterday that one of its Constellation transport planes en route to New York with 35 members of the American delegation at the recently U.N.O. meeting in London has been delayed by weather at Gander, Newfoundland. Passengers included Eleanor Roosevelt, Edward Stettinus, Jr., Senator Arthur Vandenberg and John Foster Dulles. Associated Press.

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The last day of business of Far Eastern shipping Agencies (except for accounting) will be Saturday, 2nd March. Thereafter all ships' business will be transacted by the respective individual Owners' Agents.

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USE OF A "SOFT HAND" Szechwan General On China Discord**New Korean Chairman**

Seoul, Feb. 20. The Korean press reported that General Kim Il-sung had been made chairman of the "people's commissariat" in the Russian occupation zone, north Korea. It was not clear whether the commissariat was of the Korean Government in the northern zone or was an advisory committee similar to the representative democratic council set up for America's zone in the South. Copies of the "free press" smuggled out of the Russian zone said that Kim Il-sung of the Korean independence league was listed as vice-chairman with Kang Ryanghwan of the democratic party as chief secretary. Associated Press.

Taxi Caravan Of 148 Cars

Pittsburgh, Feb. 20. A Chicago to Washington taxi-caravan strung out over miles of highways as bad weather, breakdowns and lack of accommodation disrupted the line. The caravan of approximately 148 cars was made up of some 350 veterans and their families, who were driving from Chicago to Washington to protest the Chicago ordinance which limits the number of taxis. The veterans contend that two companies own most of the taxis and that their control constitutes a monopoly. A spokesman said: "We are going to camp in Washington until we get satisfaction." Associated Press.

Sisal For Aircraft

Mexico City, Feb. 20. Sisal fiber mixed with plastic may replace aluminum in future airplane construction, aeronautical engineers Howard Kline and Robert Watson predicted. The engineers, en route to Yucatan to view sisal plantations, said that sisal as a binder for the new plastic phenol produces lighter, more durable and cheaper material than aluminum. They said that it can replace other metals and can be used in automobile, boat and other construction. "We are not talking about schemes but about realities that have been to be with secrets," Associated Press.

BRITISH COMMUNIST DEMAND

London, Feb. 21. The British Communist Party to-day demanded that Britain break off diplomatic relations with Spain, labelling the regime of General Franco as a "menace to the peace of the world." The formal party statement added that "support given to such regime by the British Government in maintaining diplomatic and extending its commercial relations with Franco is intervention on the side of General Franco against the Spanish people." Associated Press.

China Rly. Repairs

Peking, Feb. 20. Executive Headquarters to-day announced that repairs will begin at once on four major railways in North China severed during the civil war. First priority will be granted to the Tientsin-Pukow railway, vital north China link connecting Tientsin and Nanking. The Communists have destroyed more than 200 miles of this road. Second priority will be given to the Tientsin-Taiwan railway followed by the Lunghai railway and the Peking-Suiyuan line. Associated Press.

JAMAICA TROUBLE

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 21. A Canadian infantry regiment was to-day held in readiness to take over the essential services of strike ridden Kingston as the walk-out of 8,000 public utility workers threatened a food shortage and paralysis of communications. No signs are in sight of settlement of the strike which began on Friday when attendants of an insane asylum walked out, losing scores of inmates. It is estimated that 35 asylum inmates are still at large. Associated Press.

SHANGHAI STRIKE

Shanghai, Feb. 21. No Chinese language newspapers appeared on Shanghai's streets as some 5,000 printers and compositors of the city's two dozen papers went on strike for high wages. Associated Press.

Understanding Before Force

CHENG TU, FEB. 21. A POWERFUL CHINESE WARLORD WHOSE RUTHLESS EXTERMINATION OF BANDITS AND POLITICAL OPPOSITIONISTS HAS KEPT SZECHWAN PROVINCE IN LINE WITH PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S PROGRAMME FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS, YESTERDAY ADVOCATED THE USE OF A "SOFT HAND" POLICY AGAINST ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES. GENERAL TENG HSI-HOU, BURLY SOLDIER WHO HOLDS THE PERSONAL ALLEGIANCE OF NEARLY 250,000 CHINESE FIGHTERS, TOLD ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION MUST REPLACE FORCE IN BUILDING A MODERN CHINA.

That statement is strange coming from the lips of the warlord whose troops were long known for their ruthless destruction of enemies. But the general appeared to be completely sincere in his wish that peace, which has been brought to China by truce, become permanent. General Teng Hsi-hou said: "In the old days force was the only recognised means of argument in China—and sometimes that force had to be a little brutal. But the world is too modern to continue with force—I think we can achieve national unity through education and understanding. "The government must use a soft hand in dealing with its opponents to make them understand why China must be united."

HUMBLE ORIGINS

The warlord, who is now in the late fifties, spoke earnestly during luncheon served in the beautiful garden of his Cheng to home. Dressed in a typical black Chinese gown, he looked more like a priest than a warlord. His close-cropped black hair is greying but the fire within him is evident from his flashing black eyes. General Teng Hsi-hou's history is one of hard work and personal battle to succeed. He came from a poor home, became an orphan at an early age and was raised by an aunt. He studied three years in the Nanking military school and became a young officer. He rose rapidly and with natural leadership acquired a personal "personal" army which for years ruled the area extending across Szechwan and to the Tibet border.

POWERFUL FACTOR

Eighteen years ago, members of "an association of Chinese gentry" appealed to the warlord for support of the Central Government's efforts to unify China. General Teng threw

Victoria Train To Cairo

Cairo, Feb. 20. The Cairo Express, taking passengers direct from London to Cairo, may leave Victoria Station every evening in the not too distant future. Passengers will not have to change trains anywhere during the journey. They will cross the Channel and the Bosphorus in train ferries and will step out on the platform at a Cairo station a few days after leaving London. In the winter months, special coaches will enable passengers to go on to Luxor and the Valley of the Kings without a change. Steps are at present being taken to call a Middle East time-table Conference to plan railway timetables throughout the area including Turkey and Europe. These can be extended on into Europe as reconstruction of bomb and war destroyed railways makes it possible to increase traffic on the railway highways.

The war has already linked Egypt to Europe by the line built by the South Africans under great difficulties between Haifa in Palestine, through Beirut in the Lebanon to Tripoli, where it links up with Turkish and Baghdad Railways. There is only one weak point in the Egypt-Turkey route—the swine bridge across the Suez Canal at Ferdinand. Pleading that it impedes navigation, the Suez Canal Company are pressing for the removal of the bridge. This would mean that passengers would again have to cross the Canal in ferries operated by the Canal Company. Associated Press.

MacArthur Criticised

New York, Feb. 20. The New York "Times" editorially expressed doubt as to the wisdom of General MacArthur permitting the recent Japanese celebration of Empire founding-day. The paper said that founding day is inextricably connected in Japanese minds, to-day with what has been extolled by Japanese Imperialists as the empire-founding principle which teaches the Japanese that the Emperor and the nation are under divine command to extend their capital until the whole world is brought under the rule of the Japanese Emperor. The "Times" said that "this converts the celebration from a manifestation of patriotism to an exaltation of imperialism, war and conquest. For that reason one may doubt as to the wisdom of permitting the Japanese to observe such a day under the noses of their conquerors. Enough Japanese have displayed enough flags even without official prompting to show how very much alive the old ideas still are. The Allied approval of a national celebration dedicated to old concepts will scarcely facilitate the adoption of new ones." Associated Press.

No Serious Conflict In Shensi To-Day

SIAN, SHENSI PROVINCE, FEB. 18. (DELAYED). THERE IS PEACE TO-DAY IN THIS HUGE PROVINCE WHICH WAS SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS BY COMMUNIST AND GOVERNMENT CONFLICT DURING THE CHINESE CIVIL WAR. TRUE, IT IS AN ARMED PEACE BASED ON THE CHUNGKING TRUCE, BUT PEOPLE IN THIS ANCIENT CITY WHICH FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS HAS CHINA'S CAPITAL ARE STRONGLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE TRUCE WILL BLOSSOM INTO PERMANENT NATIONAL UNITY.

General Chu Shao-chou, Governor of Shensi province said to-day: "There is no serious conflict within the jurisdiction of this province." He spoke for the Central and the Southern sections of the province which are under Government control and contain more than eight million of Shensi's ten million people. The remainder are under the jurisdiction of Chinese Communists whose Headquarters are located in Yen-an.

Shensi province probably suffered as much as any Chinese areas from the civil war which raged across many parts of the nation until it was ended by the representatives of the Communists and of the Central Government with Gen. Marshall at Chungking.

For many months opposing lines formed a military and economic barrier across the province. A normal exchange of people and goods was at a standstill because of the war.

In addition Shensi was on the border of the Japanese occupation area and its people constantly were fighting to keep the invader on the other side of the Yellow River. This city itself was frequently bombed as the Japanese struck at an advanced base of the U.S. Air Force, "West China Raiders" Force, and gunners shattered Japanese communications clear to the coast.

PROBLEM AHEAD

Governor Chu said that China's unity would become permanent if based on faith, confidence and complete compliance with agreements made by the Central Government and the Communist leaders. The biggest problem ahead, he predicted, is to force the local military leaders, of both sides, to obey orders from Headquarters. He said that in many areas, particularly in the Communist regions, local groups are not under common leadership and, therefore, are likely to ignore instructions to cease war activities.

Chu said the major reconstruction problem was repair of the Lung-Hai railroad which bisects Shensi from West to East and extends across Honan and eastward to the coast. Government forces and American fighters blasted the railway break of war. Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

"Perhaps you can make something out of it," writes a St. Louis enthusiast. "We are a group of sixteen who meet each week, but there's a lot we still have to learn about the game. This is the sort of hand that always gives us the creeping jitters:

North, Dealer East-West vulnerable

S. K 10 8 7			
H. Q 4 3			
D. 4			
C. K J 9 7 2			
S. 6 5 4	N	E	W
H. A J 10			
D. Q J 10			
C. 10 6 5			
S. A Q J 9 8			
H. K 7 6 2			
D. 9 6			
C. A 8			

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1S.	Pass
2S.	Pass	Pass	Pass

As you can see, there's no way of defeating four spades; but we couldn't see any way of getting to four spades. North isn't strong enough to go to three spades, and South isn't strong enough to bid again when North simply raises to two spades. Isn't there some way for North to bid two-and-a-half spades?

Strangely enough, there is a way of doing that—although the rules of the game forbid any such bid in so many words. North should bid two clubs instead of two spades. If South has a sound opening bid, he will give North another chance to bid so North doesn't have to be in a hurry to raise the spades. (And if South hasn't a sound opening bid and consequently has to pass two clubs the North-South hands will be too weak for game and little will have been missed.)

When South bids two spades over North's response of two clubs, North can go to three spades. This combination of bids by North—first bidding his own suit and, then raising South's suit—is the easiest way to show a hand whose strength is about midway between a single and a double raise. And once South gets that message, he will naturally bid four spades, since he has substantially more strength than he needed for his opening bid.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. A K 9 6
H. K 7 3 2
D. 6
C. A K 10 4 3

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1C.	Pass
1S.	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three spades. This is a strong invitation (not a force) to game, and your partner will accept if he has a King or so in the red suits in addition to a four-card or five-card spade suit headed by the Queen. If he has less than strength, the contract of three spades will be fairly safe.

Score 100 per cent for three spades, 80 per cent for four spades, 10 per cent for two spades.

QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S. A K 9 8
H. K 8 2
D. 6
C. A K Q 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Malier	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1C.	Pass
1S.	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow).

BRITISH NOTE TO GREECE

London, Feb. 21. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has sent another note to the Greek Government reiterating the view that the Greek elections should be held on or before March 31, a Foreign Office spokesman reported. There is no likelihood of any further postponement of the voting, the spokesman added. A British mission to cooperate with the French and Americans in observing the voting has arrived in Athens. Associated Press.

"TRUMAN WILL RUN" IN '48

Cleveland, Feb. 20. Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace indicated that he would not again be vice-presidential candidate in 1948 because it will be "necessary to have someone from another part of the country." Asked if he might be candidate in 1948, Wallace said: "I'm not running. Wallace is going to run." Associated Press.

SAWADA TRIAL NEXT WEEK

Shanghai, Feb. 20. Lieut-General Shirozu Sawada and three other Japanese officers will be arraigned early next week before a five-man military commission on charges of executing three Doolittle raiders in 1942 after a mock court-martial it was announced. Sawada commanded the Japanese 13th Army in Shanghai when the fliers were shot down in a cemetery. The other defendants are Captain Sotokiro Tazawa who commanded the prison where the Americans were held, Captain Ryuhel Okada, both members of the court-martial board. The victims were: Lieutenant Dean E. Hallmark, Lieutenant William G. Farrow, and Sergeant Harold A. Smart. Associated Press.

Salmon, Feb. 21.

Consul Charles Reid arrived here to-day to give the United States its first diplomatic representation in Indo-China in four years. Reid was stationed in Indo-China 24 years before being transferred to Hong Kong at the outbreak of war. Associated Press.

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R.A.F. Quarrymen Doing Big Job

SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK, THE ECHOES OF A LARGE EXPLOSION REVERBERATE ROUND THE HILLS IN THE VICINITY OF PING SHAN. R.A.F. QUARRYMEN WITH THEIR CHINESE AND INDIAN EMPLOYEES ARE BLASTING AWAY PERHAPS ANOTHER 1,000 TONS OF ROCK AT CAMP BROOK—SO NAMED AFTER AIR COMMODORE W. A. D. BROOK, C.B.E., AIR OFFICER COMMANDING ROYAL AIR FORCE, HONG KONG.

BOUND FOR OKINAWA WITH AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION UNITS OF THE FAMOUS "TIGER FORCE," 4857 QUARRY FLIGHT WAS DIVERTED TO HONG KONG ON THE NEWS OF THE JAPANESE SURRENDER. THE UNIT HAD SERVED WITH THE ARMIES OF LIBERATION IN EUROPE, DEMOLISHING THE OBSTRUCTION RESULTING FROM BOMBING AND PREPARING THE MATERIAL FOR BUILDING AND REPAIR OF AIRSTRIPS FOR ADVANCING R.A.F. BASES.

During the three months since they arrived in Hong Kong, these R.A.F. quarrymen, among them highly qualified engineers and technicians, have quarried a total of 12,000 tons of stone beside 7,000 of overburden-waste material which can also be used in the construction of runways. A daily output of 2,000 tons of stone is the target aimed at for the building of the new airfield. On a peak day recently, 537 tons of stone and 932 tons of overburden were produced.

The unit brought with it stone crushers which are capable of dealing with 280 tons of stone a day, bulldozers, "diggers" and other plant.

Drilling for insertion of demolition charges is carried out by No. 4856 Well-boring Flight and a shaft to a depth of 80 feet through the rock structure is frequently required. Before blasting operations begin, airmen driving "diggers", engineers working on machines, coolies breaking up lumps of rock—all personnel—are warned by whistle to retire to a safe distance while the charges are detonated. A dust cloud some 200 feet high rises in the air.

LARGEST FALL

The largest fall of rock in one blast has been 2,500 tons; recently a corner of 1,000 tons was knocked down and the latest job is to blow up a further 2,000 tons. Labouring in the dust, which penetrates into diesel engines and machines and gets into the eyes and lungs—efforts are made to keep it down by water-spraying—these airmen are carrying out a splendid job of work in an isolated spot far from the entertainment facilities of a town. They live in billets alongside the quarry, and in their off-duty time, play football and bathe in their swimming pool. At week-ends, they have recreational transport into Kowloon—the nearest town.

Personnel of the unit include Flight Lieutenant A. Dunn from Derby, a coal mining engineer in civilian life and Commanding Officer of the Quarry Flight; Flying Officer B. Crowther, B.S.C. from London; Flight Lieutenant R. P. Fletcher, M.A., in charge of the well-boring contingent who comes from Spalding, Lincoln; Flight Sergeant K. V. Badger, plant operator of Farnborough, Kent, who received the B.E.M. for his work in France during construction of the historic Caen bypass, which, built to last for ten days, allowed the American Army to move up rapidly in pursuit of the enemy-tanks, plant operators, drivers, quarrymen, many of whom held the same jobs before joining the R.A.F.

Among visitors to the quarry have been the Supreme Allied Commander, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Admiral Lord Fraser and the Allied Air Commander-in-Chief Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park. Frequent visitors, who take a personal interest in the problems in the Colony, are the Commander-in-Chief Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt and the Air Officer Commanding Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook.

RUSSIA MAY BE BARRED

SAN FRANCISCO, FEB. 21. RUSSIA MAY BE BARRED FROM THE 1948 OLYMPIC GAMES, AVERY BRUNDAGE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SAID TO-DAY.

Facts which might prevent Russian competition are reports, Brundage said, of Government subsidising leading athletes and lack of an organized Russian sports committee with which the International Olympics Federation might deal which is a requirement for participation in the Olympic games.

Brundage declined to comment on the proposed banning of Japan and Germany from the games.—Associated Press.

New H.K. Yacht Club

Yachtmen will be interested to hear of the forth-coming inauguration of a new Yacht Club in the Colony, to be known as the Royal Hong Kong Naval Yacht Club, which will lease Kellett Island from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The Kellett Island Club House, which was a modern building erected just before the war, was thoroughly looted during the occupation of all portable woodwork and other fittings, and nearly all the yachts have disappeared. On the arrival of the Royal Navy the premises were requisitioned as a Combined Services Club, and due to the efforts of several ships, notably H.M.S. Conquest and H.M.S. Deer Sound, a certain amount of rehabilitation was done.

A number of Naval boats have also been collected and there has been a large muster for sailing races at week-ends.

The premises have to be de-requisitioned on March 1, and in order to carry on the good work until the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club can take over the helm, the new Club is being formed under combined services auspices, and will be inaugurated at a meeting to be held in the Gloucester Building next Wednesday evening. All members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will automatically be members of the new Club on their return to the Colony.

In this way, by the combined efforts of all the Services and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, to revive yachting in the Colony, but it may be some years before it returns to its former flourishing state owing to the shortage of materials for yacht building.

Boxing Tourney

The following is the programme for the Charity Boxing Tournament to be held at the Lee Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

BANTAM WEIGHT
Stoker Young (H.M.S. Rame Head) v. L.A.C. Miller (R.A.F.).
WELTER WEIGHT
L.A.C. Caffery (R.A.F.) v. Lt. Tunnell (5 Commandos).
A.B. McMurdie (H.M.S. Trafalgar) v. Cpl. Roberts (1 Commandos).
Lt. Col. Ralph (1 Commandos) v. L.A.C. Sharrett (R.A.F.).
A.B. Moore (H.M.S. Tamar) v. Cpl. Valentine (R.A.S.C.).
LIGHT WEIGHT
Stoker Hart (H.M.S. Rame Head) v. Stoker C. Clark (H.M.S. Rame Head).
Stoker T. Clark (H.M.S. Rame Head) v. L.A.C. Miller (R.A.F.).
MIDDLE WEIGHT
Tel. Summerhayes (H.M.S. Talant) v. L.A.C. Evans (R.A.F.).
C.S.M. Smith (44 Commandos) v. L.A.C. Holdsworth (R.A.F.).
LIGHT HEAVY
Sgt. Orellia (1 Commandos) v. Cpl. Taylor (5 Commandos).
HEAVY WEIGHT
C.S.M. Mulholland (1 Commandos) v. Major Miller (South Staffs).

In addition to the above there will be a bout between men from a U.S. ship.

LEICESTER'S TROUBLES

Leicester, Feb. 21. There are a number of troubles facing the Leicestershire County Cricket Club. Their ground is being taken over for electricity extensions by the Corporation, and so the county will return to the school playing ground of former years where accommodation is poor.

Leicestershire also have player troubles, and so far the only professional aligned to Le. Berry, G. Dawkins and F. Prentice are still in the forces, and so it is hoped the county will be able to get the assistance of a number of amateurs for the coming season.—Reuter.

Home Football

London, Feb. 20. High winds nipped most of the re-arranged football fixtures played to-day.

Blister squalls ruined the game at Ipswich, where the home side drew with Mansfield Town. The big game of the day was at Tottenham, where Aston Villa suffered a serious setback in their quest for the "double" of League Championship and the Football Association Cup. It was their first defeat on a London ground in eight visits to the capital this season. The Hotspurs were much faster and livelier, and made their rivals look mediocre. The League South table was not affected by the result.

Similarly, in League North Chesterfield, who took one point from their home game with Sheffield Wednesday, do not move up the table. Wednesday led at half-time, but fell away. In the rugby code Cambridge University were defeated by the New Zealand touring team, scoring seven points to the visitors' 15. The Army defeated London by 22 points to 12.

To-day's soccer results are as follow:
League North—Chesterfield 1 Wednesday 1; Blackburn 0 Bolton 1.
League South—Tottenham 3 Villa 0.
Third Div. South-North Region—Ipswich 1 Mansfield 1.
Third Div. North-East Region—York 1 Rotherham 1.
Scottish League Div. B Cup semi-final replay: Airdrie 2 Dundee 1.—Reuter.

Athlete To Confess His Sins

Stockholm, Feb. 21. Gunder Haeger, the Swedish track star who is under investigation by the Swedish Athletic Association for alleged professionalism, told the newspaper "Aftonbladet" in an interview to-day that he intended to "confess my sins."

To-day is the deadline for Haeger and 24 other Swedish trackmen to list all the money they received for racing.

The mile runner earlier had written a letter to the Association denying the accusations of professionalism and maintaining that he had received no more money than he was entitled to.

Since then, he told the "Aftonbladet" that "I have given the affair more thought and concluded that the letter was a bit badly thought out."

"Goesta Olander (prominent Swedish trainer) says I should 'go to the kneeling bench' and confess but at the same time explain how I got aboard the merry-go-round, therefore I decided to write a new letter to the Association and 'confess my sins'."—Associated Press.

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ATOM BOMB ESPIONAGE

Russia Admits Obtaining Information

Noticeable Air Of Tension

OTTAWA, FEB. 21. A RUSSIAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, IVOR GOSSENKO, WHO IS UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY HERE IN THE SPY INVESTIGATION, APPEARED TO THE PRESS LAST AUTUMN IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE BECAUSE "HE KNEW TOO MUCH."

A FORMER REPORTER OF THE "MORNING JOURNAL," ELIZABETH FRASER, TOLD HOF GOSSENKO WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILD WENT INTO THE OFFICE OF THE NEWSPAPER IN DESPERATION SAYING THAT THERE WERE THINGS GOING ON THAT COULD LEAD TO ANOTHER WAR AND THAT HIS SUPERIORS HAD FOUND OUT THAT HE DISAPPROVED.

He said that he was due for disappearance and death but the "justice department" had ignored his appeals.

Miss Fraser said that "there was a ring of stark sincerity in his voice but that his fear and excitement were so frantic that he could easily have been a paranoid convinced of the truth of his delusions."

Meanwhile Canadians waited impatiently for the Government to announce new details of the Soviet collection of secret data in the Dominion in which strategically placed Government employees cooperated on apparently a widespread scale.

The Government was reported reliably to be ready to issue its first official report since the disclosure of the sensational case by Prime Minister Mackenzie King last Friday.

Some members of the Government are known to feel that the blackout imposed on the official release of information has developed unnecessary alarm and they are anxious to have further details published as early as possible.

NOTICEABLE TENSIONS. The Prime Minister has acquainted the leaders of the two principal opposition parties with much of the case. They are John Bracken of the Progressive Conservatives and J. C. Caldwell of the Socialistic Cooperative Commonwealth Federation.

Those leaders are understood to have agreed that full information would be helpful.

There is a noticeable opinion on the diplomatic front here as a two-man Royal Commission sits in camera hearing how atomic and other scientific secrets were handed over to Soviet agents.

It has not been revealed how high in the Soviet Embassy the investigation has reached.

The Embassy has not yet been named. Some Government sources indicated that the Soviet employees involved were mostly in the lower ranks of the huge Soviet staff in Ottawa.

CANADIAN STATEMENT

OTTAWA, FEB. 21. AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, WHO DECLINED TO PERMIT FURTHER IDENTIFICATION, DECLARED TODAY THE RUSSIANS WERE MAKING "POLITICAL CAPITAL" OF THE CANADIAN ESPIONAGE CASE.

SHORTLY AFTER RECEIPT OF THE MOSCOW BROADCAST CHARGING THAT CANADA, IN HANDLING THE INVESTIGATION, WAS ENCOURAGING AN ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN, THE SPOKESMAN DECLARED:

"The Soviet statement started out as an admission of guilt sufficient to cause withdrawal of its military attaché, then proceeded to minimize the whole matter and sought to make political capital by inquiring motives to the Canadian Government."

Canada had no advance notice of the Soviet statement. Press accounts of the Moscow broadcast were read eagerly by officials of the external affairs department.

The spokesman said Canada would make a brief reply to the Soviet charge as soon as possible, then likely would await the outcome of an investigation being conducted by a two-man Royal Commission. After that a full reply will be made to Moscow, "point by point," he said.

Meanwhile, the Canadian Government was put under increasing pressure to disclose further details of the reported espionage plot.

The executive Ottawa branch of the Canadian Association of Scientific Workers in a resolution declared that lack of official news "has led to the present flood of speculation concerning an alleged spy ring, said to in-

Stark Fact

LONDON, FEB. 21. Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express," commenting editorially on the foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons, expressed hope that the discussions will lead to improvement of relations between Britain and Russia.

The "Express" said: "We must face the plain stark fact there can be no guarantee of world peace unless Britain, Russia and the United States can work together in full harmony."

Associated Press.

Boogie Woogie Popular

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE KINGS THEATRE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE RECORD-BREAKING POPULARITY OF THEIR CURRENT ATTRACTION, THE TECHNICOLOUR MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA "BATHING BEAUTY."

The film has now been showing 20 days and is still drawing full houses. Ernst Lubitsch's "The Love Parade," first screened here at the opening of the Central Theatre in 1929, is the only other film that has ever had a run here of two weeks.

Starring Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald, "The Love Parade" featured several songs that remained popular for years afterwards.

The current popularity of "Bathing Beauty" is perhaps to be explained by its "boogie woogie" features and swimming pool symphonies. A good deal of the film is divided up between Harry James and his Music Makers and Xavier Cugat and his Orchestra.

Red Skelton gives a memorable impression of a co-ed's mannerisms on rising from her bed of slumber in response to the suggestion that men look silly when waking up.

Another "great" attraction, of course, is Esther Williams, once a star sprinter in the world of amateur swimming and a very shapely Miss whom the cameramen follow for thousands of feet in "Bathing Beauty" close-ups as much on terra firma as in the swimming pool. Swing music breaks in at every odd moment and is forced out of almost every known musical instrument but the harp.

GOERING WAS A LOOTER

NUERNBERG, FEB. 21. The Soviet prosecution showed yesterday that the Nazis had set out systematically to loot every corner of Europe, inspired by Hermann Goering's expressed intention to plunder Europe as it had never been plundered before.

The only point that interested me," they quoted Goering as saying, "is what we can squeeze out of the territory now under our control."

Goering, who is number one among the 22 Nazi leaders on trial, smiled as the prosecutor began reading a stenographic record of his demand in 1942 that the German administrators drop every human consideration in the interests of plundering. But the smile soon faded.

He heard himself telling the administrators: "It makes no difference to me if you say that you people will starve. Let them, if it saves a single German from starvation."

Goering, said that the Russians called for the ruinous inflation of French currency, and described the Dutchmen who collaborated with the Reich as "blockheaded Dutchmen."

Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 21. Major-General Harold Gilbert, director of the military personnel procurement service of the Adjutant-General's office, said that the regular army has shattered all enlistment records in the nation's history by recruiting 534,000 men during the first four months of an intensive drive.

Associated Press.

to call attention to the "unbridled campaign hostile to the Soviet Union which was waged in the Canadian press and on the Canadian radio," after the first Canadian Government statement on secret leakages. The attitude adopted by the Canadian Government, "directly calculated to encourage a campaign hostile to the Soviet Union," was, the statement continued, "incompatible with normal relations between two countries."

Reuter.

Marines Reduced In Rank

PEARL HARBOR, FEB. 21. Three non-commissioned officers were reduced to private rank for participation in a protest against the Marine Corps discharge policy. Lt. General Roy Geiger's Headquarters announced today.

The announcement said that they "failed to display qualities of leadership, judgment, loyalty and fidelity, which are the requisites of the non-commissioned of the Marine Corps."

The Board found that the Marines had participated in composing, signing and obtaining signatures on a petition regarding the Marine Corps discharge policy in violation of Navy regulations and other pertinent orders; that such action was taken without knowledge or consent of their commanding officer and that no provision effort to obtain the information desired had been made through official channels.

Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

CAIRO, FEB. 21. The first semi-official estimate put the day's casualties in the attack on the Kaer El Nil barracks at seven killed and more than 50 injured.

British troops in full battle order stood ready inside, lined up beside heavy armoured vehicles.

Earlier, machine-gun fire had rattled from barrack windows as the British soldiers attempted to save their wooden-roofed quarters from demolition by the burning torches, stones and anything else that could be lifted and thrown by several hundred Egyptian demonstrators, who shouted anti-British slogans.

Reuter.

New Delhi, Feb. 21. One thousand men of the Royal Indian Air Force at Bombay struck today to "express their sympathy" with "the striking" Indian naval men.

The Military Police were called in by the Authorities at one camp. A clash followed in which British troops used lathis (bamboo staves) and the airmen stones. In the end the British troops were withdrawn and the airmen formed a procession and went along the city's streets, shouting slogans.

At Karachi, the Military and civilian police have seized all launches in Karachi harbour. A British naval vessel berthed near His Majesty's Indian ship Hindustan, manned her guns as a precautionary measure.

Reuter.

New Delhi, Feb. 21. An official communiqué issued at General Headquarters in India today said that men of His Majesty's ship Hindustan at Karachi took control of their ship this morning and "opened indiscriminate fire with all weapons at their disposal from four inch guns to small arms."

Towards evening, a single R.A.F. bomber roared over Bombay harbour and then directly over His Majesty's Indian ship, 20 of which were reported to be under the control of the striking Indian ratings. After making what seemed to be a reconnaissance of the harbour, the plane flew off again.

It was officially announced here today that strong naval, military and air force reinforcements are on their way to Bombay and Karachi where striking Indian naval ratings had fired on the military. It was also added that reinforcements were on their way to Poona.

In Karachi, the strikers aboard the ship Hindustan signalled at 5.00 p.m. that they would open fire on the military again if their demands were not conceded. The ratings had opened fire with two naval guns when the military police fired on them.

Reuter.

Secret

Melbourne, Feb. 21. It was disclosed yesterday that British warships have been carrying secret cargoes of tons of British gold to the United Kingdom since the end of the war.

The announcement came as an aircraft repair ship "Pioneer" took aboard 22 tons of gold bars worth £5,000,000 which had been stored in Australia for Britain and Holland during the war.

Associated Press.

T.B. Offer To Britain

LONDON, FEB. 21. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, answering a question in the House of Commons, said that as a result of the generous offer recently made to the Minister of Health through the Swiss Minister here, the Minister of Health and Minister of Pensions were considering possible arrangements for treatment in Switzerland of a certain number of tuberculosis cases.

The question was whether in view of the increase of tuberculosis in Great Britain, the British Government would consider approaching the Swiss Authorities to ascertain the possibility of taking over on account of tuberculosis the German-owned tuberculosis sanatoria at Wolfsgang and Davos Dorf.

Mr. Bevin added that the last suggestion required careful consideration.

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Appeal To Unions

LONDON, FEB. 21. An appeal to British trade unions and labour and co-operative organisations to help to prevent Spanish Fascism from ruining the Spanish people has been addressed today by the Spanish Republican headquarters in London.

The statement says: "The men whom France puts to death are the best friends the British people ever had in Spain." The statement also says that a wave of death sentences and executions is at present sweeping Spain.

Four Republican Spaniards are said to have been shot at the prison of Avenca de Hanatic; that executions have recently taken place in the Alcabete prison and that a lieutenant-colonel in the French Forces of the Interior has been condemned to death with nine others by a trial which was held in resolute secrecy.

Reuter.

Jews Object To Nazis

JERUSALEM, FEB. 21. The Palestine Government said that forced German labour from prison camps would be used to construct military camps and buildings in the Gaza district in the southern part of the country.

The announcement is understood to have resulted in a cabled protest from Jewish Labour Party leaders to the British Labour Party.

The announcement quoted the Army authorities as saying that the use of forced German labour was a necessity "in the present circumstances." A previous, denied, report provoked protest in the Hebrew press and from the clandestine radio.

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France's Unprecedented Racial Law

PARIS, FEB. 21. FRANCE'S COMMITTEE WORKING ON A CONSTITUTION FOR THE FOURTH REPUBLIC HAS ADOPTED A VIRTUALLY UNPRECEDENTED PROVISION MAKING ALL PROPAGANDA FOR RACIAL AND SIMILAR DISCRIMINATION A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFENSE.

A part of a draft to be proposed to the Constituent Assembly for submission to referendum, the propaganda provision read: "All propaganda attempting to have such differences (sex, age, colour, nationality, religion, opinions or ethical or other origins) established between individuals or groups of individuals shall be punished by laws."

Another article of the draft adopted today stated that "French citizens must serve the Republic, defend it at the cost of their lives, participate in the costs of the State, help the common good by their labour and aid each other fraternally."

The other articles established the right to vote of all men and women at the age of 20, men

CEREMONY AT THE VATICAN

LONDON, FEB. 21. POPE PIUS XII TOLD HIS NEWLY ENLARGED COLLEGE OF CARDINALS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT THE CONCEPT OF THE CHURCH AS A TEMPORAL POWER WAS "ENTIRELY FALSE. THE CHURCH IS NOT AN EMPIRE IN THE SENSE NOW ATTACHED TO THIS WORD," SAID THE POPE, "BUT SEEKS MAN ITSELF."

SPEAKING OVER THE VATICAN RADIO HEARD HERE BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, THE POPE DECLARED THAT THE CHURCH "CONTRIBUTES TO THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD," AND COMPARING ITS ROLE WITH THAT OF TEMPORAL IMPERIALISM, QUOTED POPE PIUS XI AS SAYING THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT BE CALLED UPON "TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL CAN ACCOMPLISH BY HIMSELF."

Speaking to the newly elected cardinals from a throne in the Hall of Benedictions, the Pope said: "Only the Church can conduct man back to the light and assure his safety for the future. The Church, like a mother, assembles all her children all over the world and embraces humanity."

"It is the Church which rises today in this torn world like a signal, because without God there cannot be among men real unity. The unity and supra-nationality of the Church have been put in evidence by this present meeting."

Speaking of temporal powers as distinct from the Church, the Pope said:

THE HUMAN BEING "So-called internal order is based entirely on compromise among various groups" but "the universality of the Church puts the human being in the centre of the structure."

Commenting on "this poor world in which hunger is so prevalent," the Pope began his broadcast in Italian at 17.23 hours, after he had placed his hat on the heads of 29 of the 32 new cardinals created at the secret consistory on Monday.

He spoke of the transfer of populations caused by the war as being "unfortunately frequent, but the divine hand uses this misfortune to lead many people back to the Church."

"Does not the Church still contribute to the stability of human society?" he asked. "The weak rest in safety."

"Let us have faith in the Church. If everything around it crumbles, it remains unshaken. The Church today more than ever must reject the conception that it must retire within the secrecy of its temples."

"Let us love the Church, the really supra-national Church, and let us make her be loved by all men and all nations."

The Pope spoke for about 30 minutes after which he gave his newly elected princes of the Church his apostolic blessing.

BRETTA CEREMONY Earlier His Holiness imposed brettas upon 29 of the 32 new cardinals in a ceremony of brilliant colour in the Benediction Hall.

As the Pope entered, the audience of laymen in white ties and tails and women with black crepe veils over their heads and some uniformed Allied servicemen broke into loud cries of acclamation.

The people stood on benches and clapped while the Pope

chair proceeded down the middle aisle of the Chamber and came to rest before the throne.

The new cardinals had changed into the ceremonial robes of their new office in the famed Sistine Chapel and the first to enter the hall was the dean, the Patriarch of Cilicia, Armenia, Agagianian, who also the first to have placed upon his head the four-cornered red silk biretta.

Accompanied by three attendants, the cardinals moved in a long compact procession down the middle aisle and each in quick succession knelt before the Pope. They then took the places assigned to them in a semicircle of gilt chairs ranged before the Papal throne.

SACRED RELIC Around the crimson sea of cardinals were 40 Swiss Guards in the gold and blue striped uniforms designed by Michael Angelo with their long spears and metal helmets, the Vatican court dignitaries in black knee breeches, black capes and Elizabethan ruff collars and wearing silver swords, and Vatican gendarmes in blue uniforms with red plumed hats.

Amid this colour each of the new cardinals first inclined to kiss the sacred relic contained in a precious stone of the Pope's slipper and then knelt. The Papal attendants removed the Bishop's pectoral cross hanging from his neck on a golden and green chain and replaced it with the other cross hanging from gold and red chain.

Then they placed a short cape over his shoulders and the Pope, taking the biretta from another attendant, placed the head of the cardinal. A cardinal then removed the biretta and the Pope, placing hands on both cheeks.

In the audience were United States Army chaplains in uniform, tonsured monks, Chinese priests, and a large scattering of demure nuns.

There were a few frantic last-minute preparations as electricians crawled along narrow ledges adjusting the arrangement of the microphone while a voice bawled in resonant Italian testing the instrument for the Pope's speech.

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9.35 p.m.—Theatrical & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
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10.45 p.m.—airy Pollock and His Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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